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SUBJ: ADAT TORONTO "WAR THREAT"

REF TEL AVIV 5264,

1. WE HAVE NOTED THAT PM BEGIN IN HIS DEPARTURE STATEMENT REFERRED TO "WAR THREAT" FROM SADAT "VIA TORONTO". ISRAELI PRESS LIKEWISE EDITORIALIZING THAT TORONTO "WAR THREAT" CONFIRMS FEARS THAT "THERE IS NO SUBSTANCE TO SADAT'S PEACE TALK." (REFTEL) TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, SADAT STATEMENT REFERRED TO IS MESSAGE TO 26TH ANNUAL CONGRESS OF ISLAMIC SOCIETIES IN US AND CANADA RECENTLY HELD IN TORONTO. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE AS CARRIED BY AKHBAR ON PAGE 4 JULY 15. MESSAGE NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SINCE IT UNREMARKABLE CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE WHICH STRESSES EGYPT'S DESIRE FOR PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS.

2. "I GREET YOUR CONFERENCE AND ADDRESS YOU INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY, EXPRESSING MY APPRECIATION OF YOUR MESSAGE
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AND PRAY TO GOD YOU ACHIEVE SUCCESS. YOU HAVE DONE WELL BY HOLDING YOUR CONFERENCE. IT IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE FOR YOU THAT HIS CONFERENCE IS THE 26TH BECAUSE BY HOLDING GENERAL CONFERENCES EVERY YEAR YOU ESTABLISH NEW TIES AND STRENGTHEN YOUR MEANS AND METHODS AND YOU BECOME MORE AWARE THAT YOU ARE BROTHERS AS MEMBERS OF ONE BODY. YOU HOLD THIS CONFERENCE ENJOYING THE PRIVILEGES AND VIRTUES AND IDEAS OF A STAND

WHICH IS INDISPUTABLE AND CAN NOT BE DENIED BY A THIRD PERSON.
THIS LAND HAS ALWAYS BEEN PREACHING WISDOM, CONCENTRATION AND
THINKING OF THINGS, ANIMALS AND PLANTS ON EARTH AND OF THE
SKY ABOUNDING WITH STARS, PLANETS, CLOUDS, AIR AND WINDS
TO PROVE THAT GOD IS ONE AND INESCAPABLE AND CAPABLE OF ALL,
INCLUDING PERFECTION.

3. "THIS LAND RIDICULES THOSE WHO DO NOT RESORT TO THEIR
MINDS BECAUSE THEY ARE LIKE THOSE WHO HAVE EYES AND
EARS BUT TO NOT SEE OR HEAR. THEREFORE, IT IS NO WONDER
THAT MUSLIMS DURING THE FIRST CENTURIES REALIZED A SUB-
LIME SCIENTIFIC RENAISSANCE. THES ESTABLISHED CONVENTS,
SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, OBSERVATORIES, HOSPITALS AND LI-
BRARIES. THEY WROTE THOUSANDS OF BOOKS ON THOUGHT AND ON
CULTURE AND KNOWLEDGE AND BOTH EAST AND WAST WERE ENRICHED
WITH THEIR SCIENTIFIC WORKS. MANY SONS OF THE WEST WERE IN-
STRUCTED BY THEM AND HUNDRES OF EUROPEAN SCIENTISTS MADE
USE OF THEIR SCIENCE DURING THE MIDDLE AGES.

4. "YOU MEET UNDER ISLAMIC FRATERNITY WHICH DOES NOT PREACH
DIVISION AND YOU MEET UNDER THE STAND OF FREEDOM WHICH IS
GUARANTEED BY ISLAM FOR ALL PEOPLE, FOR THEY ARE FREE IN THEIR
IDEOLOGIES, RELIGIONS AND VIEWS. NO RULER HAS THE POWER
TO CONTROL IDEOLOGY OR THE POINT OF VIEW OF A PERSON EX-
PRESSED IN WRITING OR VERBALLY UNLESS THE AUTHOR FUNDAMENTALLY
DIFFERS WITH THE GENERALLY ESTABLISHED BASIS ON WHICH
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THE SOCIETY IS BUILT. THEREFORE, ISLAM HAS SET UP A SYSTEM
OF RULE BASED ON CONSULTATION AND THERE WILL NO CONSULTATION
WITHOUT FREE OPINION. IF FRATERNITY AND FREEDOM ARE AMONG
THE BASIES OF ISLAM, ONE OF THE BASES INCLUDES EQUALITY,
WHICH HAS BEEN LEGALIZED SINCE THE DAWN OF ISLAM. THE PEOPLE
ARE ALL EQUAL LIKE THE TEETH OF A COMB FOR THERE IS NO
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN ARAB AND A FOREIGNER OR BETWEEN A
SEMITES AND ANOTHER FROM THE ARYAN RACE. THERE IS NO DIFFER-
ENCE BETWEEN EASTERN OR WESTERN OR BLACK OR WHITE. THERE-
FORE, IT WAS NATURAL THAT ISLAM BECAME KNOWN FOR TOLERANCE IN
DEALING WITH THE CHRISTIANS AND JEWS THROUGHOUT ALL AGES
BECAUSE IT SET UP ITS RELATIONS WITH THEM ON CORDIALITY AND
HELD THAT THERE
IS NO OBLIGATION FOR THEM TO CHANGE THEIR RELIGION AND ON THE BASIS
OF FRATERNITY AS WELL AS EQUALITY,
WHICH DOES NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN CITIZENS REGARDLESS
OF THEIR DIFFERENT RELIGIONS.

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5. "CHRISTIANS AND JEWS LIVED UNDER THE CARE OF ISLAMIC GOVTS FREE IN THEIR RELIGIONS, SURE OF THEIR RIGHTS, ENJOYING THEIR POSITION SO MUCH SO THAT MANY OF THEM LIVED CLOSE TO KHALIFS, KINGS AND RULERS SINCE THE FIRST HEGIRA CENTURY. SOME OF THEM SERVED IN THE CABINET IN EGYPT AND IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN EGYPT AND MANY OF THEM WERE ADVISERS TO MUSLIM RULERS IN SEVERAL CAPITALS.

6. " YOU ALL KNOW THAT ISLAM IS THE RELIGION OF PEACE. IT BASED ITS CODE SINCE THE DAWN OF ISLAM ON PEACE, ON LOVE, FRATERNITY, CLARITY, EQUALITY AND PEACE. IT DID NOT FORCE ANYBODY TO EMBRACE ISLAM AND IT ONLY FOUGHT IN DEFENSE OF THE RELIGION OF THE COUNTRY. YOU KNOW THAT THE MUSLIMS PREFER PEACE TO WAR AND PREFERRED HONORING TREATIES TO TREASON OR PRESSURE. THEY WELCOME PEACE IF THEIR ENEMIES TEND TOWARD PACE. BUT THE MUSLIMS WHO CALLED FOR PEACE AND WELCOMED IT FOUGHT HERIOCALLY IF THEY WERE FORCED TO, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SENSITIVITY OF AND DIGNITY OF HUMANITY AND WERE MERCIFUL IN TREATING THE CONQUERED AND IN CONDUCTING THE WAR. THEREFORE, THOSE WHO CLAIMED THAT ISLAM IS THE RELIGION OF WAR
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HAVE DONE INJUSTICE TO ISLAM. THEY CLAIM THAT IT SPREAD BY THE SWORD BECAUSE THEY IGNORE ITS TRUE HISTORY AND THEY FORGOT THAT THE SWORD HAS NO POWER OVER CONSCIENCE WHICH IS TOO SUBLIME TO SUBMIT TO FORCE OR VIOLENCE.

7. "IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT ISLAM IS THE MEANS THAT SAVES
THE WORLD FROM THE EVILS OF ATHEISM AND THE MORAL CRIMES,
PSYCHOLOGICAL DISEASES AND DIABOLICAL TENDENCIES WHICH ATH-
EISM LEADS TO. ISLAM IS , A SWEET, CLEAR SPRING WHICH
GUSHES WITH EVERYTHING ITHAT IS GOOD AND IT NEVER RUNS
DRY. IT IS A SPRING WHICH IS SWEET TO EVERY GENERATION IN ANY
AGE AND ANY RACE, ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. I HOPE YOUR CON-
FERENCE WILL RESULT IN WISE VIEWS AND NEW THOUGHTS AND THE
SUPPORT OF OUR NATURAL RIGHT TO RECOVER OUR USURPED
TERRITORY AND THE RETURN OF OUR BROTHERS, THE SONS OF PALES-
TINE, TO THEIR HOMES. THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS THAT WE ADHERED
TO ISLAM AS MUCH AS WE COULD. WE ONLY FOUGHT WHEN WE WERE FORCED
AND WE STILL PREFER PEACE AND RECOVERING OUR RIGHTS BUT WHEN
WE LOSE HOPE IN PEACE, WE FIND NO PEACE OTHER THAN DEPENDING
ON FORCE, WHATEVER THIS FORCE MIGHT COST IN EFFORT AND VICTIMS.
MAY GOD SUPPORT US BECAUSE HIS IS THE BEST SUPPORT."
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